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The following are listed on the accompanying PTO/SB/08 and are in a non-English language:

1. Japanese Patent Publication No. JP-09-179925
2. Japanese Patent Publication No. JP-2000-187794
3. Japanese Patent Publication No. JP-10-033798
4. Japanese Patent Publication No. JP-2003-157237

In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the listed non-English language documents, an English-language translation of the documents setting forth the relevance is enclosed.

Also, enclosed is an English-language international search report from the Japanese Patent Office in the PCT international application, from which this national phase U.S. application is derived, citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof.

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